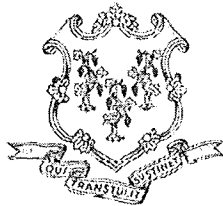


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Dear Senator Boucher, Senator Leone, Representative Guerrera, Representative Carney, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I am testifying today in support of SB 307 **An Act Requiring the Registration of Motor-Driven Cycles**. The purpose of this legislation is to require an operator of a motor-driven cycle to register the motor-driven cycle with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

I have had numerous constituents reach out to me with their concerns regarding operators of scooters and mopeds driving erratically through neighborhoods in Danbury.

They have detailed their close calls with scooters explaining to me that they have witnessed scooters running into the street from between parked cars, darting in front of moving cars from the sidewalk, and non-helmeted juvenile scooter riders almost colliding with moving cars. At times, these riders have multiple people on the scooters with them.

Many of these motor-driven cycles are also very noisy, and the riders are operating them late at night disturbing the neighborhood.

Some motor-driven cycle riders disregard the laws, and this not only poses a safety risk for the riders, but also to the drivers of the cars that are traveling on the streets.

If all motor-driven cycles and require to register, this may help local law enforcement enforce the laws already in place, and may help deter some of this dangerous behavior.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. McLachlan".

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